

Pitt Bulls attack man in Spring Hill

Daniel Richardson

Bobby Conner is recovering from a Pitt Bull attack that yielded 15 puncture wounds on his left leg.

Conner's granddaughter had returned from the grocery store Thursday afternoon to discover two Pitt Bulls at her Spring Hill home. After going into the house with her grandmother, she attempted to return to the car to get groceries when the dogs wouldn't let her out the door.

When Conner got to the residence, the dogs did not seem to be a threat.

"They were fine as long as I was facing them," he said, "but as soon as I turned my back they both lunged at me."

With both dogs latched onto his left leg, Conner dragged them to his truck, where he swung his right leg over the side and got in the bed. When the dogs were forced to release his leg, he said they just walked away.

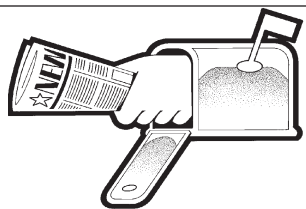
Conner then went to his doctor in Paducah and was treated for the 15 puncture wounds and other minor injuries.

According to Deputy Dennis McDaniel of the Hickman County Sheriff's Office, the dogs were taken to Ward's Animal Clinic in Fulton and will be quarantined for a period of 10 days, during which they will be inspected for diseases. After this period, McDaniel expects that the owner will voluntarily have the dogs euthanized.

Conner does not plan to press charges.

Community Recycling planned for Saturday

Saturday, February 28, is the regular day for community recycling. Pending clearing of ice and snow and accessibility in the highway yard, collection will be from 8 until noon; please watch for the green-and-white recycling signs posted in town later this week that will indicate open gates on Saturday.



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County recovering well from winter storm

Daniel Richardson

Much of the snow remains from last week's ice storm, but the main roads are mostly clear. Road crews put more than 10,000 gallons of brine on the roads (including pretreating before the storm) and have spent countless hours plowing snow from the streets.

Last Monday, February 16, Hickman County Judge/Executive Kenny Wilson declared a state of emergency in Hickman County, which allowed for several things to happen that eased the burden of the

winter weather. The biggest effect of the state of emergency declaration is allowing the Hickman County Road Department to work on city streets in Clinton and Columbus. This has had a major effect on snow and ice removal, especially in Columbus where there would normally be no relief until the snow and ice eventually melted.

Another benefit of the emergency declaration is the allowance of emergency personnel and vehicles to transport residents to and from work when they are snowed in. This is invaluable for businesses that cannot

stop operation due to the weather, such as nursing home facilities and the Hickman County Detention Center. Wilson said that while a state of emergency declaration is not necessary for emergency personnel to transport residents, more people take advantage of the opportunity while in emergency status.

Wilson was working closely with Hickman County Director of Schools Casey Henderson on Monday to determine which roads needed work to enable schools to get back in session.

All these efforts are still not

enough to completely negate the harsh conditions.

"We just need some warmer temperatures," Wilson said on Monday.

Henderson said that he expects schools to be back in session by Wednesday at the latest. While the students have missed six days of school, this is nothing like last winter, when they missed 18 days and had to call off Spring Break. Henderson said the school board will make a few small adjustments to the schedule, but that should be all.



SNOW EVEREST - Cheyenne Spencer, 10, and William Courtney, 13, children of Amanda Courtney, conquer the summit of what they named "Snow Everest" in front of Clinton Hardware last Tuesday. This is one of the snow mounds that resulted from the plowing of the roadways in Clinton around the court square. Students enjoyed the entire week off of school last week, and were out for the beginning part of this week.

Students read 9,000 books during 'I Love to Read Week'

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Board of Education braved the weather and held their regularly scheduled board meeting on Thursday, February 19.

After conducting routine business including the approval of the last meeting's minutes, treasurer's report, and payments, Hickman County Elementary Principal Richard Todd gave his report.

Todd told the board that they had just completed "I Love to Read Week," during which the students exceeded their 3,000 book goal and read 9,000 books. He said that VIP readers are in the school daily reading with students on a one-on-one basis, and that Muffins for Moms was held on February 18.

He requested that the board allow local Little League sign-ups to be conducted in the school foyer, which they approved.

Hickman County High School Principal Kevin Estes gave a report to the board and informed them that

the ACT test will be administered to juniors on March 3. He said that the juniors took a practice test through ACT Mastery, and that results from the practice test will be available this week. Faculty will then use the results to do individual interventions leading up to the March 3 ACT.

He also said that Hickman County students had a 100 percent success rate on Work Keys, which was given to 23 of the students.

Estes noted that student Brooke Jackson had placed fifth in Language Arts at the Regional Governor's Cup and will represent Hickman County at the State meet March 14-15 in Lexington.

He said that the high school district basketball tournament will be February 23-27 at Carlisle County, eighth and tenth graders will participate in Reality Store on February 27; ACT for Juniors will be March 3; and report cards will go out on March 11.

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LOOKING FOR ROOM - Hickman County Falcon Zeke Prince looks for room to shoot against Carlisle County in Monday night's district tournament game. See story on page 8.

Got the winter blues? Many treatments are available

From Kentucky Health News

For some, winter is more than just a season characterized by shorter, colder days; it is a time of year that brings on the "winter blues," Jill U. Adams reports for The Washington Post.

Officially, it's called seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and is a type of depression. It begins during the late fall or winter of each year and disappears with the onset of spring. Common symptoms include: tiredness, even though the person is getting enough sleep; a loss of interest in usual activities; feeling sad, grumpy, moody or anxious; craving carbohydrates,

eating more and gaining weight; and trouble concentrating, according to WebMD. Some even have suicidal thoughts.

SAD occurs in 1 to 2 percent of the population, with milder version, "the winter blahs," occurring in 10 to 15 percent, Raymond Lam, a psychiatrist at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, told the Post.

Therapy with light is the most common treatment for SAD and has proven effective, although many doctors and insurance companies still don't recognize it as effective. The disorder is also treated with medications and talk therapy, Adams

notes.

Light therapy involves sitting near a very bright, broad-spectrum light for at least 30 minutes every morning, Adams reports. WebMD cautions that the fluorescent lights used in light therapy are not the same as ultraviolet lights, full-spectrum lights, tanning lamps and heat lamps, all of which should not be used for this purpose.

Experts are still trying to figure out exactly why light therapy works, but some evidence suggests that not getting enough light is the main trigger for SAD, which is more common in areas where the daylight hours are shorter, Teodor Postolache, a psychiatrist at

the University of Maryland School of Medicine, told the Post.

Another study found that healthy people's eyes are more sensitive to light in the wintertime, while those with SAD have less sensitivity, University of Pittsburgh psychologist Kathryn Roecklein told Adams.

Experts told Adams that it is important that SAD not be self-diagnosed and that light therapy not be experimented with. They said a person may have health conditions that mimic these same symptoms or have untreated or under-treated depression that is not seasonally influenced, and some people take medications or

have conditions that make them more sensitive to light.

"If your symptoms are severe enough to interfere with daily functioning, get an assessment at a mental health clinic or by a doctor," Lam told Adams. "There are many causes and lots of treatments."

Paul Hokemeyer, a licensed marriage and family therapist in Manhattan, offered nutritional suggestions to help those with SAD in an article for Fox News.

He suggests that people with SAD eat foods that will increase their

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School Board From Pg. 1

Superintendent Casey Henderson gave his report where he commended the 20 students who helped and participated in the annual Falcon Academy Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon that was held on January 27. He also thanked all the high school and central office staff who helped to put on the event.

He said that Hickman County preschoolers scored higher than the state average on the state mandated Brigrance Kindergarten Screener, scoring a 59.5 while the state average is 50. He said that Hickman County’s scores made a gain of 6.5 points over last year’s score. The board went into

executive session for a student disciplinary hearing, then approved the use of the Elementary lobby for the use of Little League sign-ups, approved an overnight trip for Brooke Jackson and an academic team sponsor for the state Governor’s Cup, and adjourned.

Blues

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serotonin levels: those high in Omega-3 fatty acids and tryptophan, which he says is “linked to mood regulation, and a deficit leads to depression.” Some foods high in Omega-3 are trout, salmon, and walnuts; those high in tryptophan include lean turkey, chicken, milk, eggs, nuts and bananas.

Hokemeyer also suggests that those with SAD supplement their diet with foods rich in vitamin D because studies have found a correlation between depression and low levels of vitamin D. Foods high in vitamin D are egg yolks, fortified dairy products and cereal, beef liver and cod fish oil.

And finally, he suggests those with SAD eat whole, unprocessed foods to decrease mood swings caused by the “spikes and crashes” in blood sugar levels commonly associated with eating processed foods that are high in simple sugars and white flour.

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Basket workshop, crochet class coming to Extension Office

Basket Workshop
Join us for a Basket Workshop taught by Kentucky Crafter: Karen O’Nan Martin, owner of Hillcrest Baskets and Greenhouse, on March 7 from 9:00-1:30 at the Hickman County Extension Office. The class fee is \$25, and participants must register and pay by February 20. Participants will create a traditional lunch basket. It will measure 8x8x12 inches tall with a wooden handle. Participants will have a few different color choices to weave in as accent in the basket. The price for the class is \$25.00 per person with an option of staining the basket a walnut color for an additional \$5 that day. Participants will receive a supply list once registered. For registration call 270-653-2231 by February 20. Class size is limited. Hosted by the Hickman County Extension Homemakers.

Crochet Club
Crochet Club is a new special interest club for anyone interested in learning to crochet, wanting to brush up on needlework skills, or making new friends. They meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm. The March meeting will be Saturday March 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Hickman County Extension Office. Participants will need to bring any size crochet needle and yarn for a Valentine’s Day project, a crocheted heart. For more information contact the Hickman County Cooperative Extension Office, 270-653-2231.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As you know, we recently celebrated “I Love to Read” Week at HCHS with a free book giveaway (See related article). Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank several individuals who helped make this event possible. First, Vickie Batts, coordinator of the Family Resource Center took several HCHS students to Murray State University last spring to select free books on behalf of the student body as part of MSU’s Book Bonanza giveaway. Many of our free books came from this event.

In addition, when they first learned of my plans for a book giveaway for our school, avid readers Ivan and Mary Potter and Danny and Phyllis Whitlock quickly volunteered to go through their personal collections. Through their generous donations, we acquired literally hundreds of additional copies needed to make this event a success.

Student Hailey Dixon, in particular, was one student

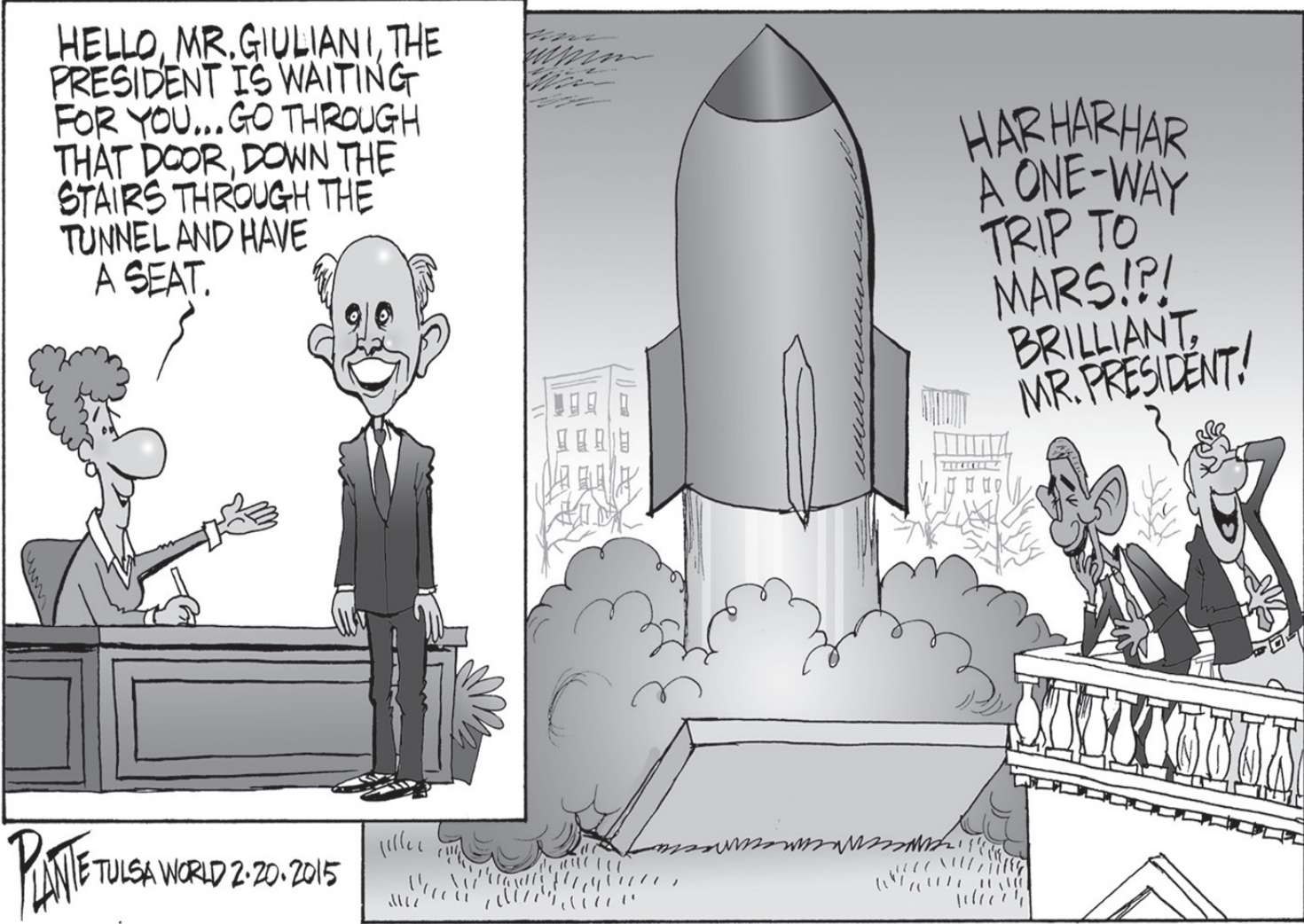
who was critical in helping me organize this event. As a voracious reader herself and as a member of the dual-credit non-profit leadership class, Hailey chose to do her fifteen required volunteer hours in the high school library, and this additional help could not have come at a better time or from a more qualified student.

When assistance was needed in promoting this event, the HCHS administration, the English department, as well as many of the other faculty and staff were eager to lend their support.

Finally, students Tyler Westbrook and Steven Allen helped unload donated books, and Jade Florence, Haley-Marie Ellegood, Madison Mitchell, and Madison Ward helped lead student groups.

I truly appreciate everyone who helped make this year’s “I Love to Read” Week a success.

Sincerely,
Karen Stairs
HCHS Librarian



Winter’s last gasp?

To the editor:

We send high praises to all our county and state highway workers who put in extra time to keep our roadways clear during last week’s snow and ice accumulations.

Those of us who live on the less-traveled county roads are especially appreciative for the county’s brining of surfaces, the removal of the first and second snow accumulations, and the extra work that cleared the ice and slush on Saturday morning. Unless you’ve been snowed in and have little or no way of your own to clear such

challenging stuff, you may not fully appreciate how valuable the extra time and effort to clear paths of travel really are.

Since we seem to have more accumulating snowstorms in our winters, we applaud the foresight and work of our officials and the men in the vehicles who recognize the necessity of staying ahead of snow removal. We pray for our drivers’ continued safety as we work to get back to our normal routines, following their hard work and examples of careful driving.


Cherry Pylon

I was really looking forward to Saturday.

Just when it seemed like warmer (above freezing) temperatures and a lot of rain forecast for that day would wash (and melt) away the ice on the roads it created a much more hazardous mess.

At least the crunchy ice was drivable. The mail arrived Saturday by substitute drivers. I looked out toward the mailbox and there was the delivery vehicle trying to make it up the hill at the end of our driveway and back out through the subdivision.

MY VIEW



DENNIS RICHARDSON

Our subdivision has a lot of shade and rolling hills so each successive incline brought on a different icy challenge.

Even walking down the driveway to try and help the mail person was treacherous. The warmer weather and the rain put a very slick coating on top of the ice which made it impossible to either back up the hill to get a running start or to climb up the hill ahead from a dead start. My last step was an icy slide and I was lucky to keep my balance.

I found a solution.

I have parked at the end of the street below our back yard for the last week. That road is flat and about a mile closer to the highway than is the road our driveway comes out on. I guided the mail car down our driveway and

down the grassy (but frozen) hill to the road below. It was the only way out.

Looking ahead I see a dry and warming forecast especially later this week. I see bright sunshine as I write this. Sunshine seems to be the best ice-melting agent... and it is a free gift from God.

We are not out of the woods just yet. I remember some big snows in March and even April, but overall the temperatures should start warming and the bitter cold will soon be behind us.

The ground hog accurately predicted six more weeks of winter. On the bright side, that means only three more weeks before spring arrives. Time will tell.

Old Man Winter

I would like to thank each and every one who stepped up to the plate this past week. The conditions have been treacherous to say the least. Being out with the snow plow, I have seen many individuals with shovels, pushing cars that were stuck, and assisting in many other ways. Thank you Jimmy Lemons for clearing my driveway. At times like these, we the city hope that anyone who needs assistance would contact us. A special thanks to our city police force for all they do on a daily basis.


Phyllis Campbell
Mayor



Mayor Campbell with plow truck

Legislative Update

FRANKFORT, Ky.
(Feb. 20, 2015) – No part of Kentucky was spared the record-breaking snowfall and sub-zero temperatures this week. As schools, businesses and many government agencies had to close, so did the General Assembly due to the hazardous weather. When weather emergencies such as this occur, and so many counties and even the governor declare states of emergency, ensuring safety and helping



Sen. Humphries

those in trouble due to the extreme conditions take priority. I hope you and your family have remained safe and secure throughout the winter storms.

Having missed Tuesday and Wednesday following the Presidents’ Day holiday, the Senate was back to work on Thursday and Friday with both committee meetings and action on the Senate Chamber floor.

Legislation that would protect freedom of religious and political expression without the threat of censorship by school administrators was passed on Thursday. This bill, known as Senate Bill 71, would protect students who voluntarily express these perspectives in schoolwork, participate in affiliated groups, and who are invited to deliver speeches. In short, SB 71 will ensure students and groups with religious and/or political affiliation have the same access and ability to express themselves as all groups, as long as they abide by the constitution.

The Senate addressed judicial redistricting with the passage of Senate Bill 49 that would require the Supreme Court to adjust the Commonwealth’s judicial circuits and districts and the judicial assignments based on population changes in the same years as legislative

redistricting is required. It has been over sixty years since judicial districts in Kentucky have been updated. This has left some courts with overwhelmingly large caseloads, while others have a relatively small number to hear. This creates a problem for those seeking justice. It also places a burden on Kentucky’s budget. Kentucky has 95 non-family circuit judges with an average caseload of 1,209 filings per year, but some circuits have almost double the average caseload.

Three bills related to healthcare and the practice of medicine passed. Senate Bill 61 would require medical benefits to cover complete colorectal screenings for early detection of problems and diseases. Kentucky has passed legislation over the years that have reduced colon cancer rates by more than 25 percent, but the state still leads the nation in this potentially deadly disease. That is why supporters of Senate Bill 61 describe the legislation as Kentucky’s “prescription” to save lives and money.

Senate Bill 44 would set up medical synchronization so pharmacists would have knowledge of a patient’s treatment and afford the best care. This also will save money on premiums through the efficiency resulting from information sharing between doctors and pharmacists. The other healthcare related bill, Senate Bill 86, was passed which would statutorily recognize the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Also on Thursday, the Senate passed legislation that would permit towing and storage companies to sell property recovered in an abandoned automobile to help recoup costs.

Legislation to provide a cushion to help agriculture producers of poultry, now Kentucky’s #1 agriculture product, passed as well. This measure, known as Senate Bill

106, would allow a ten percent variance on the weight of a truck transporting chickens.

On Friday we passed a measure that will benefit education in the Commonwealth. Senate Bill 16 promotes computer science and computer programming classes in our schools, because of the projected future demand for related skills in the job market.

Also on Friday, we approved Senate Bill 89, which relates to firearms sales to current and retired employees. Senate Bill 89 would allow state employees with government-issued firearms that are being replaced to purchase their firearms from the agency.

In order to promote a better environment for the mentally ill, we also approved Senate Bill 51, which relates to the duty to take precautions against a patient’s violent behavior, to expand the definition of “patient” to include persons currently under the care or treatment of mental health professionals.

All these bills now move to the House for their consideration. If you have any questions or comments about the issues or any other public policy issue, please call me toll-free at 1-800-372-7181. You can also review the Legislature’s work online at www.lrc.ky.gov.

Please continue to contact me with your issues and concerns. You may call and leave a message for me at 1-800-372-7181, or e-mail me at Stan.Humphries@lrc.ky.gov. You can also follow the work of our caucus on twitter at @kysenategop. I appreciate your time and input.

Note: Senator Stan Humphries (R-Cadiz) represents the 1st District including Calloway, Fulton, Graves, Hickman, Lyon and Trigg counties. For a high-resolution .jpeg of Senator Humphries, please visit <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/pubinfo/senate38.htm>

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Community News

Area Obituaries

Ethel Johns

Ethel (Pud Berry) Johns, 92, of Sherman, Ill. died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015.

Surviving are her husband, Haskell Johns; three children, John (Marsha) Johns, Sheila White and Tracie (Mike) Fleetwood; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tobe and Kate Berry; three brothers; and two sisters.

Graveside services will be at Oak Ridge Cemetery. There will be no visitation.

Fred Collier

Fred Collier, 90, of Fulton, Ky. died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 at his home.

He was a founding member and former elder of the Smith Street Church of Christ and was an U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II. He was a brakeman for the Illinois Central Railroad and a retired farmer.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Barbara McAlister Collier; three sons, Bobby (Rosa) Collier of Glenwood Springs, Colo., Kelly (Jeannie) Collier of Knoxville, Tenn. and Wes (Tina) Collier of South Fulton, Tenn.; two daughters, Sally (Robert) Floyd of Water Valley, Ky. and Mary Lynn (Russell) Cooley of Fulton; one sister, Joan Dowdy of South Fulton; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He parents were Henry Dean Collier and Mary Lorelle Boaz Collier.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at Hornbeak Funeral Chapel, with interment in Pleasant View Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to: Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati OH 45250-0301.



TEMPLETON-There is no way to possibly describe how thankful we are for the love shown to our family during the loss of our loved one, Bob Templeton. We are overwhelmed by the number of messages, hospital visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, food, funeral attendance, and prayers. The many Facebook messages about Bob's life have been so encouraging. The staff at Brown's Funeral Home went above and beyond to personalize Bob's funeral and support our family. We are blessed to be part of such a loving community.

The Family of Bob Templeton

Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet February 26

The Fulton County Genealogical Society will meet at 11:30 a.m. on February 26 at the Keg Restaurant in Fulton.

Our speaker will be Jeff Boyd from the Feliciana and Wingo area. He has been metal detecting for several years. His talk is titled "Rescue and Preservation of Fulton County History." Also, Jeff will show the artifacts he found while construction equipment was excavating the South Fulton Park.

Visitors are welcome.

Wanda Green

Wanda Lou Green, 76, of Hardin, Ky., formerly of Mayfield, Ky., died at 12:35 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015 at her home.

She was a beautician for 45 years and was of the Baptist faith.

Surviving are her husband, William "Curly" Green; one daughter, Leshia (Ray Keith) Mathis of Hickory; one step-daughter, Carrie Green of Kevil; two sons, Tony (Dawn) Morganti of Mayfield and Marty (Kimberly) Odum of Tampa, FL; two brothers, Richard Courtney of Clinton and Steve (Bilene) Courtney of Reidland; one sister, Pam Blalock of Mayfield; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Dale Morganti; three sisters, Gail Sander-son, Shelva Burgess and Nancy Wilson; one granddaughter, Tori Waggoner and one great-grand-son, George Morganti. Her parents were Lloyd Lowe & Louise Guhy Courtney.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 at Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, with Rev. Keith Allred officiating.

Frances Brown

Frances V. Brown, 94, of Bardwell, Ky. died at 10:33 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2015 at Countryside Center in Bardwell.

She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Patrisha Byassee of Bardwell; one son, Kenneth Brown of Bardwell; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James T. Brown; one son, James D. Brown; and one great-granddaughter. Her parents were Willie and Lula Harris Briney.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at Milner & Orr Funeral Home in Bardwell. Revs. Ronald Rhodus and Ian Carrico will officiate, with burial in Mayfield Creek Cemetery.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Mayfield Creek Cemetery, c/o First Kentucky Bank, 8141 US Highway 62, Cunningham KY 42035.



The Chuckwagon Gang will be at Union Ridge Baptist Church

The Chuckwagon Gang will be in concert at the Union Ridge Baptist Church Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m.

The church is located at 1014 Union Ridge Road, Benton, Ky. in the Aurora area.

A love offering will be taken. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 270-489-2244.

Second Baptist Church News

By Teresa Walton Pearson

February 21

We had no church due to road conditions.

This is the daily Bible reading for today from the Holy Bible App.

Psalm 94 - O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself. Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces thy people, O Lord, and afflict thine heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, The Lord shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. For the Lord will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in

silence. When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O Lord, held me up. In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the Lord is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

Please pray for: Teen Garrison, Dorothy and Bud Brady, Cynthia Walton, Thomas Dublin, Jim Schooley, Larry Cagle, Megan Grubbs, Deloris Spurlin, Dorothy Hoskins, David Crowder, Phyllis Cox, Bud & Mary Jane Martin, Harold Jones family, Joellen Perkins, Robert Templeton family, Bertha Davis, Walter O'Neil, Heather Spillman, Morris Bugg, Lucille Barclay, Monty Clark, Jimmy Johnson, Nancy Puckett, JoAnn Malone, Debbie Kilpatrick, Richard Puckett, Pam Upshaw, Tim Connell, Dorothy Rogers, Edna Roper, Billy Lamb, Bro. Rocky James, Emma Barkley, J.L. Feezor, Josephine Shadwick, Helen Holmes, Josh Harpole, Austin Upshaw, Mildred Morrison, Eloise Harrison.

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LEWIS-The family of Norine Lewis would like to thank everyone for the cards, visits, food, condolences and especially the prayers during the loss of our loved one. Thank you to the churches, Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Rev. Wendell Gray. Your love and concern mean so much.

Wilma, Reginald, Sue, Karen and Toni

Good Grief!

Nearly two and a half decades after his death, a "new" book by Ted Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, is all set for publication, says the Association of Mature American Citizens. It's called "What Pet should I Get?" and the famed author of books for children of all ages wrote it more than a half century ago.

Sometime after the good word-doctor's passing, his wife set out to do a little remodeling in their La Jolla, CA home. She put a few of her husband's possessions-including the manuscript-in a box and set it aside so that workers could go about their chores.

Random House, which plans to release the book this summer, said: "This never-before-seen picture book by Dr. Seuss about making up one's mind is the literary equivalent of buried treasure!"

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Veterans and their families will be provided counseling and assistance in filing claims for state and federal benefits. This is a free service provided by the state of Kentucky. For more information please contact Ron McClure, Regional Field Representative, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) at (270) 247-2455 ext. 73905, or email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov.

Schedule for week of March 2 - 6, 2015.

Monday, March 2, NOT AVAILABLE

Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 ñ 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment.

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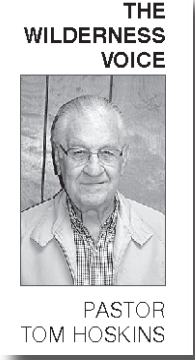
Thursday, March 5, 9:00 ñ 2:30, Mayfield, VA Clinic, 1253 Paris Rd, By Appointment, walk-ins will be scheduled an appointment. Visit the Clinic, email ronald.mcclure@ky.gov or phone 270-247-2455 extension 73905 to schedule an appointment.

Friday, March 6, NOT AVAILABLE

CLAMITIES

"Be merciful to me. O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusts in you, yes, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be past" (Psalm 57:1). Are you facing difficulties that seem to overwhelm you? Do you have days where it seems life is not worth going on and there is no help or hope, that no one seems to care, even God appears to have hidden his face from you?

David, fleeing from Saul, felt as if he was being swallowed up (v3). It's the picture of a chicken or rabbit being swallowed by a huge snake (v3). It's the picture of a chicken or rabbit being swallowed by a huge snake. The little rabbit cries as the



David cried to God for mercy—"pity me." Twice in our verse he raised the plea. His basis for that request; he trusted God who was his refuge in troublesome times. God was his safe place until the storm passed by, "until these calamities be past." Troubled soul, the calamities will eventually pass. It may not seem so now, but one day they shall even if one has to wait until "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4). Meanwhile with David of old, "In the shadow of your wings I will make my refuge."

SENIOR CHATTER by Rhonda

Winter has been extremely hard on the Center since we have had to close so much.

I know spring is around the corner, I can feel it in my bones! Spring is my favorite time of year. I believe it is God's way of waking everything up and showcasing all of his beautiful creations. Even though the snow is beautiful, it creates havoc for all. I hope and pray everyone is safe and warm.

We are so thankful for road department for clearing off the front parking lot here at the center. We will be open for business as usual on Tuesday and we will run bus on a modified schedule. If you are out stop by and enjoy a nice meal, take advantage of the E-learning computer center. Even better come and work out in the exercise center! I know we have all been way to lazy and we all need a good work out to get our hearts pumping.

If you are interested in renting the Center for a function please call 653-4314 to reserve. Calendar is filling up fast. We are also gladly accepting donations, each time we close, we lose valuable grant money that is vital to the operation of the Center. Donations are greatly needed and very much appreciated!

- ** Menu ****
- Tuesday, Feb. 24** - Chicken salad on lettuce & tomato, three bean salad, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread, skim milk
- Wednesday, Feb. 25** - Baked ham, baked beans, cauliflower & cheese, whole wheat roll, sliced pineapple, skim milk
- Thursday, Feb. 26** - Porcupine meatballs, marinara sauce, corn O'Brien, wheat bread, chocolate wafers, skim milk
- Friday, Feb. 27** - Beef stew, coleslaw, green peas, whole wheat roll, ambrosia, skim milk
- Monday, March 2** - Hamburger, bun, relish plate, french fries, black eye peas, mandarin oranges, skim milk
- ** Activities ****
- Monday - Friday** - 10:30 Walking Program
- Tuesday, Feb. 24** - 10:30 Lifeline Home Care - Lana Livigni LPN
- Wednesday, Feb. 25** - 10:00 Dominos 12:00 Valentine Jingo
- Thursday, Feb. 26** - 10:00 Price Is Right 12:00 Activity of choice
- Friday, Feb. 27** - 10:00 Bingo Time 12:00 Senior choice activity
- Monday, March 2** - 10:30 Walking Program
- May you have peace, love and happiness always! Have a blessed week!

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How to Avoid an Online Vacation Rental Scam

Imagine renting a home on a beautiful beachfront from a trusted website, arriving to start your vacation and finding out you’ve been scammed?

This scenario reflects thousands of complaints placed with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) last year involving local vacation rentals. The FTC reports some victims lost money by wiring cash to thieves posing as property owners. Others lost money through fake websites replicating legitimate sites.

In today’s economy in which home sharing has become more popular, how do travelers protect themselves from a range of potential on-line scams? Here are some suggestions:

Review rental contracts carefully. Check the address of the property you’re interested in with on-the-ground resources like the local tourism office or the leading real estate brokerage in the community. While you’re speaking with the tourism office, ask if there have been any specific complaints against the rental service you have consulted or if there might be more reliable and possibly more affordable rental resources in town.

Be wary of your source. Legitimate property owners may use free print or web classified ads to save money, but it’s im-

By Jason Alderman

portant to vet any free listing very carefully. Also, confirm with a live representative to ensure the site is legitimate.

Compare rental rates in the immediate area. A good deal might be tempting to seize immediately, but the FTC notes that severely below-market pricing for rentals and other vacation services in a community might indicate a scam. Crosscheck the pricing of home rentals and related services in the community before you make a reservation. Given the example above, don’t rely on the Internet alone. Pick up the phone and talk directly to a representative.

Check transient license law in your destination city. Transient licenses regulate properties rented to guests for time periods generally 30 days or less. Call your destination city to get details on their transient license law and whether you can confirm the registration of the property you’re considering. Ask the property owner for a copy of his or her transient license and see if the city will share the same license for your inspection to make sure they match. Also ask the city whether any specific complaints are available for the property you are considering.

Be wary of phishing scams. Be on the lookout for email

and phone scammers who masquerade as employees of businesses you trust – they’re after your bank or credit information. If you receive emails or phone calls demanding advance payments, contact the original website to confirm your reservation and payment policy. Recently, travel site Booking.com had to pay out compensation to more than 10,000 customers from the U.S., UK, France, Italy, Portugal and the UAE who were victims of a phishing scam.

Follow recommendations. Personal recommendations from friends and family can ensure a safe transaction. If you know someone who has visited a destination or rented property recently, ask which companies or individuals they would recommend.

Report fraud. Inform the local police at your vacation destination, the local Better Business Bureau and the FTC. When you get home, notify your local police or your state attorney general’s consumer protection office to alert them to this particular cybercrime if you made the money transfer from your home state.

Bottom line: As online vacation rentals grow, so does cybercrime. Be cautious when booking arrangements online to protect your payments data.

Area Announcements

The Mission House distributes CSFP (Cheese) Commodities monthly to Hickman County residents who are 60 years or over, meet the income guidelines, and are pre-registered. Pick up dates are Thursday & Friday after the third Tuesday of each month.

Every Monday:
• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

First Monday:
• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Second Monday:
• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.
• **The Hickman Co. Arts**

Council will meet the fourth Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. www.hickmancoarts.com.

Every Wednesday:
• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

• **The Hickman Co. Museum** is open every Wednesday from 1 - 4 p.m..

• **Hickman Co. Memorial Library** Open Tuesday through Friday from 2-5 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Mon-

day of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **The Hickman County Board of Education** meet the third Thursday of every month

• **The Mission House** is open Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and first Saturday of the month.

• **The Hickman Co. Historical and Genealogical Society Center** is open Wednesday & Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. For appointment, call LaDonna Latham at 653-4190 or Norma Gene Humphreys at 653-6208

• **Hickman County Fiscal Court** will meet Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m.in the County Judge Executive office.

PASAC Presents Men Who Cook 2015

February 19, 2015 (Paducah, Kentucky) – The Purchase Area Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center has announced that tickets are now available for its annual Men Who Cook fundraiser presented by the Edward Jones Fund of the Community Foundation of West Kentucky. This unique event is scheduled to take place on March 7, 2015 at the Paducah McCracken County Convention Center where over 300 attendees will enjoy culinary creations specially prepared by male “celebrity chefs” from across the region. These community and business leaders are committed to making a difference and go all out to guarantee the most delicious food to be found in one place! This spe-

cial 10th anniversary Men Who Cook Vegas Baby event will be hosted by Bear on the Air and will include live entertainment by Reggie Lafaye, live and silent auctions, and a fun-filled night of fantasy casino gaming. Tickets are just \$50. Beer and wine may be purchased. Contact PASAC at 270-534-4422 or 1-800-928-7273 to purchase tickets or for additional event information.

Men Who Cook is our largest annual fundraising event and proceeds support our mission to promote the health and wellbeing of our community by reducing the impact and prevalence of sexual violence. As the state-designated rape crisis and child advocacy center, PASAC pro-

vides a comprehensive service approach where all ages of survivors and their loved ones can receive the specialized services necessary to help them through the entire process from crisis through healing and recovery. In addition, we provide prevention education programming in our communities as well as support, resources, and training to other professionals. Each year more than 6,500 direct services are provided to over 600 victims and thousands of prevention education services to children and adults throughout the region entirely free of charge. We truly could not accomplish this work without the assistance of caring, generous community members such as you!

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NEWS/FINANCE

Parkway confirms Hillview Clinic relocation

Parkway Regional Hospital has confirmed that it plans to relocate the Hillview Clinic to South Fulton and cease operations at the hospital remain on schedule.

The Hillview Medical Clinic is becoming Hillview South as it transitions to a temporary location across from South Fulton High School. Hillview South will operate at 1203 Industrial Park Rd. while its permanent location is in development.

The clinic will begin seeing patients in this temporary location April 1. It will be open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and staffed by three physicians and a nurse practitioner who will provide a full range of primary and preventive services as well as diagnostic imaging

including CT, ultrasound and X-ray.

Patients may make an appointment by calling 270-472-1612 or 731-479-2606. The clinic is committed to same day work-ins whenever possible, according to a press release issued to The Hickman County Gazette on February 23.

Hillview South will provide primary care services with Dr. Cox – Internal Medicine, Dr. Nasira Malik – Pediatrics, Dr. Joshua Whitledge – Family Practice and Elizabeth Jones, ARNP Family Practice.

As previously announced, hospital operations will cease at 11:59 p.m. March 31. The hospital will continue offering most services until that date. Medical records for current and

past patients will be retained in accordance with the State of Kentucky retention guidelines. After the date of closure, medical records meeting the retention guidelines will be transferred to Volunteer Community Hospital, in Martin, Tenn., which will act as custodian of those records.

After March 31, former patients may request medical records created at Parkway Regional Hospital by contacting Volunteer Community Hospital, 161 Mount Pelia Road, Martin, TN 38237. The telephone number is 731-588-3250, option 1, and the fax number is 731-588-3259. All requests for medical records must be in writing and copy fees may apply, according to the press release.

Frederick Douglass an inspirational figure in African-American history

Note: As this is our last issue in the month of February, which is designated Black History Month, we'd like to spotlight an iconic figure in African American History: Frederick Douglass.

Influential and inspirational figures abound throughout African-American history. One of the more notable such figures is the abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass, who was born into slavery but would grow up to become a noted intellectual and ardent supporter of causes ranging from the abolition of slavery to women's rights to Irish rule.

Born in Talbot County, Maryland around 1818 (the exact year of Douglass' birth is unknown), Douglass' mother was a slave and his father likely a white plantation owner. Douglass was separated from his mother at a very young age, a practice that was not uncommon at the time, and sent to live with his maternal grandmother, Betty Bailey. That arrangement did not last long, as Douglass was soon living in the home of a white plantation owner, who may or may not have been Douglass' father.

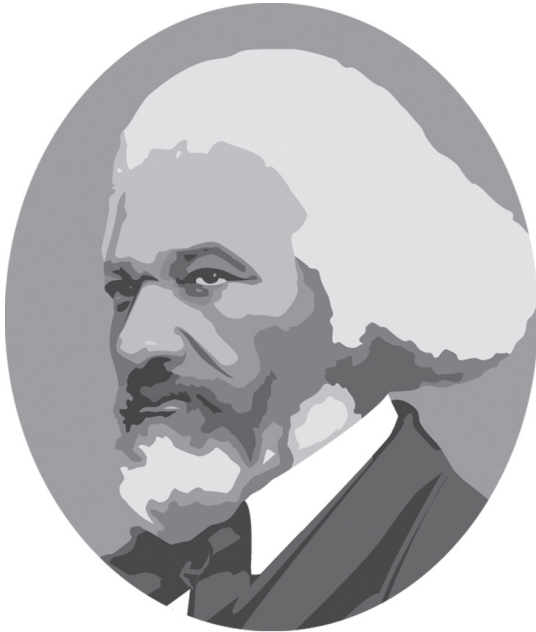
Douglass eventually found himself living in Baltimore with Hugh and Sophia Auld, the latter of whom would begin to teach the young Frederick Douglass the alphabet, ignoring the ban on teaching slaves. Though Hugh Auld would object to his wife teaching a slave child and demand she stop, the limited exposure to reading and writing had been enough to stir Douglass, who would learn to read and write from white children in the neighborhood and by teaching himself.

Once Douglass learned to read, he became an avid reader, reading newspapers and political writings that would help shape his anti-slavery stance in the years to come. In addition, Douglass would use his literacy to help other slaves follow in his footsteps, teaching them to read and write at a weekly church service.

In 1833, Douglass was taken from Hugh Auld and returned to work for Thomas Auld, who would send the teenaged Douglass to notorious "slave-breaker" Edward Covey, who routinely and viciously abused Douglass until a physical confrontation between the two would force Covey to stop abusing Douglass once and for all.

In 1838, desperate to flee slavery, Douglass finally succeeded in doing so on his third attempt, when he escaped on a train using a false identification with the help of a woman named Anna Murray, who would soon become Douglass' wife.

The couple would eventually settle in Massachusetts, where Douglass would become heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, sharing his story. In 1845, Douglass' first



autobiography, "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave," was published and became a bestseller. The book remains required reading for many of today's high school students.

Though the book was a success, Douglass' status as a runaway slave still put him in danger of being recaptured, a reality that forced Douglass to depart for Ireland, where he would spend two years speaking of the ills of slavery. Douglass also frequently spoke in England, where a group of his supporters collected funds to purchase his freedom. By 1847, Douglass was a free man and returned to the United States.

Upon his return to the United States, Douglass became even more heavily involved in the abolitionist movement, producing abolitionist newspapers and supporting women's rights.

With the arrival of the Civil War, Douglass had risen to a level of such prominence that he consulted with President Abraham Lincoln, who still did not earn the famed abolitionist's vote in 1864 election because of Lincoln's unwillingness to publicly endorse suffrage for freed black men.

Following the war, Douglass was appointed to numerous political positions, even becoming the first African-American nominated for the vice presidency of the United States in 1872, though Douglass had no knowledge of the nomination and did not campaign.

Douglass would pass away in 1895, leaving behind an enduring legacy that remains one of the more inspiring and influential tales in American history.

Serious about getting out of debt?

Dear Dave, Should you budget for mad money, or just carrying around cash, when you're trying to get out of debt? Aurora

Dear Aurora, What really matters is the amount of mad money you allow yourself to have. Everyone needs a little pocket money. It's probably not going to throw you off too much if you put \$10 or \$20 in there. But \$100 or \$200? That's a bit much when you're scrimping, saving and supposedly working hard to get out of debt. Think of it as a safety valve, Aurora. Everyone needs a break

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and a little fun now and then. Whether it's grabbing lunch out, or going to a movie once in a while, you need to relax and let off little steam.

Just make it part of your regular monthly budget, and stick to the amount. Little things like this will help keep your total money makeover moving in the right direction without wearing you out!

—Dave

It's a better idea to pre-plan

Dear Dave, My wife passed away last year, and she was just 43-years old. I paid cash for the funeral and all the arrangements. Now, I'm getting solicitations from the funeral home, wanting me to prepay my own funeral. I'm 45-years-old. Is this a good idea? Dave

Dear Dave, God bless you and your family. I'm so sorry you have to go through this, but I'm glad to hear you were in good enough shape financially to handle the burden. That means you were both very wise with your money.

My advice is to pre-plan, but don't prepay. As you discovered, having to make important decisions in the midst of that kind of grief is a hard thing to do. Sometimes, people are so emotional during times like these that they make bad decisions. So, pre-planning and making selections ahead of time is a great idea.

But it's never a good idea to prepay for this kind of thing, and here's why. If you live to an average age, for what you'd prepay today at age 45, you could invest the amount, be self-insured for that kind of thing, and in all likelihood have a ton of money sitting there when your time comes.

Events like this make you realize the need for proper planning, but don't ever prepay them. Lots of people in the funeral industry don't like me for this stance, but that's just because they make lots of money on prepayment plans.

—Dave

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District Court Report

The following cases were heard before the Hon. Hunter B. Whitesell II during Hickman County District Court on 2/23/2015. This is not an official docket.

Thomas E. Seabaugh. Speeding 10 Mph. Over Limit. Dismiss.

Marcus McClam. Probation Violation (for misdemeanor offense). Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 3/2/15.

Ronnie R. Gray. Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence Minor Injury. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial Conference set for 3/9/15.

Kenzie A. Rust. No/Expired Registration Plates. Pleaded guilty. \$25 fine, suspended on proof. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. Dismiss on proof.

Grace M. Brunson. No/Expired Registration Plates. No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. To enter CATS program.

Brandon D. Burton. No/Expired Registration Plates.

No/Expired Kentucky Registration Receipt. Failure to Produce Insurance Card. To enter CATS program.

Heather N. Sykes. Speed 14 Mph. Over (Limited Access). To enter CATS program. Operating on Suspended/Revoked Operators License. Amend to License to be in Possession. Dismiss on proof.

Nicole B. Doran. Speeding 26 Mph. Over/Greater. Pleaded not guilty. Pretrial conference set for 4/6/15. Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance/Security 1st. Dismiss on proof.

Taunya K. Redwine. Speeding 18 Mph. Over Limit. Failure To Produce Insurance Card. To enter CATS program.

Larry T. Jones. Theft of Services. Failure to notify Address Change to Department of Transportation. Contempt of Court. Continue to 3/2/15.

Risa Collins. Cruelty to Animals, 2nd Degree. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Timothy A. Cranick. Diversion completion. Dismiss, divert.

David Glen Lyman. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Jay H. Pettit. Diversion

Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Christine A. Woods. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Damien L. Wilkins. Show Cause Hearing. Continue to 3/9/15 for compliance.

Mark Crosby. Diversion Completion. Dismiss, divert.

Amy E. Deberry. Review for completion of CATS program. Dismiss.

Amber L. Fitts. Speeding 12 Mph. Over Limit. Continue to 3/2/15.

Dustin M. Jackson. Review for completion of CATS program. Show cause 3/9/15.

Vicki K. Johnson. Review for compliance. Compliant.

John C. McDougale. Review for compliance. Compliant.

Lisa G. Rodgers. Review for completion of CATS program. Dismiss.

Gary T. Roper. Disregarding Stop Sign. Dismiss.

Gerald B. Tucker. Review for completion of CATS program. Dismiss.

Christopher L. Crumble. Pretrial Conference. Motion to consolidate. Granted. Continue Pretrial Conference to 3/30/15.

Natasha S Richey. Operate MV under/Influ Alc/Drugs, .08, Aggravator, 2nd off. Pleaded guilty. 180 days, serve 30. Balance conditionally discharged two years. No further offenses for two years. Serve on monitor.

Jessie Lee Sanders. Pretrial Conference. No/Expired Registration Plates. Failure of Non-Owner Operator to Maintain Req. Insurance. Dismiss by motion of county attorney.

Tarance D. Sanders. Court Trial. Continue to 3/23/15 for status of parole hearing.

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SPORTS/NEWS

Falcons, Lady Falcons end season with losses to Carlisle

Daniel Richardson

The Hickman County Falcons and Lady Falcons walked into a hostile environment Monday night, playing first seeded Comets and Lady Comets on their home court to kick off the district tournament.

The Lady Falcons played first and could never get into rhythm, falling 65-23 to a clicking Lady Comet team.

The Lady Comets jumped out to a 21-10 lead by the end of the first quarter, and never let up as they expanded their lead throughout the remainder of the game.

The Falcons played a close game against the top-seeded Comets, jumping out to a 5-0 lead thanks to solid defense and hot shooting. The Comets battled back and gained the lead, going into the second quarter with a narrow 17-14 lead. Both teams played evenly through the second and third quarters, with the Comets up at halftime 36-30 and again at the end of the third only 49-46.

The rhythm that had kept the net hot for the Falcons, including 12 points off of four three-pointers from junior Ethan Carter, seemed to fizzle in the fourth, as the Comets finally pulled away gradually. The Falcons, who had scored 14, 16, and 16 points in the first, second, and third quarters respectively, put up only eight points in the final period. The Comets had their highest scoring period in the fourth, finishing the game with a 69-54 win after some late free throws made the game look more lopsided than it actually was.

Eighth grader Jordyn Naranjo and junior Alec Spillman led the Falcons in scoring with 15 points each. Carter scored 12 points off of four three-pointers, junior Jacob Crittendon logged six points, junior Austin Boaz had four, and junior Zeke Prince had 2.

The Falcons will lose no players to graduation, as they have no seniors playing, and should return all starters next season.

The Lady Falcons will graduate three players: Lexi Lumpson, Katie Woolard, and Kaylee Webb.

Fulton County Pilots and Lady Pilots will play against Fulton City Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs Tuesday night to determine which teams will play the Comets and Lady Comets in Friday night's District Championship Games.



Photos by Daniel Richardson

Falcon junior Alec Spillman leaves his feet for a jump shot during Monday night's game. Spillman had 15 points on the night.



Hickman County's Vanessa Reebernak looks to pass during Monday night's game against Carlisle County.



Senior Lady Falcon Kaylee Webb receives a pass as she makes her way to the basket during Monday night's district tournament loss to Carlisle County.



Hickman County High School students read magazine articles at the magazine table at the school library during "I Love to Read Week."

HCHS celebrates 'I Love to Read Week' just in time for snow

The wind chill is dangerously low, there is a foot of snow on the ground outside, and school has been canceled for the rest of the week. What is there to do while sitting around the house? How about curling up with a new book?

Just in time for the big snow storm, students at Hickman County High School recently celebrated "I Love to Read" Week with a school-wide book giveaway held in the high school library.

Throughout the week, each student had the opportunity to take home and read one book or magazine of choice—absolutely free! Students chose from among hundreds of free books, both new and like new, which were sorted by genre for easier selection.

With categories ranging from adventure to romance or from biography to mystery, etc., shopping for a free book proved to be an exciting experience for both avid and otherwise reluctant readers. As a result of this event, approximately one out of every two students chose to take home something new to read.

In addition to visiting the book giveaway, students were encouraged to participate in a variety of other reading activities such as Blind Date with a Book, posting a Book Crush, completing a Famous Literary Couples Scavenger Hunt, and competing to see who could accumulate the most AR points during the week.

On the last day of the book giveaway, students who wanted more books were given the option of returning to select additional items.



Students posted their "book crush" on this board.



Students participate in a scavenger hunt for "I Love to Read Week."

For example, one high school student came back in and asked if she could get a few books for her younger brother who was unable to attend.

To wrap up the week's events, the following door prize winners were announced: Blind Date with a Book—

May Boaz, Book Crush—Sarah Gardner, and Scavenger Hunt—Kayla Michelle Boaz and Kinsey Lock. Eighth grade student, Ethan Jackson, was the overall winner who earned the most AR points for the week—a total of 52 points!

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